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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

SUBJECT : Medical Training of Employees and Dependents Prior to Overseas Assignment

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1. Recent legislative advances permit the establishment of an overseas medical support program for dependents, as well as employees. I am making recommendation to the Agency for the adoption of such program. Included in the program are provisions for medical examination of dependents prior to overseas assignment on a voluntary and required basis, counseling and referral services, payments of costs of overseas hospitalization and medical travel, and utilization of Agency medical facilities.
2. I believe, in keeping with the extent of the program, that it is desirable to brief employees and dependents regarding medical benefits and services prior to overseas travel and to also outline overseas medical problems of general interest. Such program should be mandatory and any incidental personal expenses incurred thereby should be borne by the employee. The knowledge acquired in peace of mind and ease of medical burdens could hardly be the investment responsibility of any other.
3. If you agree to the foregoing, it is suggested that you may wish to consider combining two existing OTR programs, namely, "Dependent Briefing" and "Americans Abroad". Whatever the program decided by you, the Medical Staff would appreciate the opportunity of providing eight hours of instruction.
4. I would appreciate your consideration of this proposal and an indication as to the additional measures to be taken to implement the same, provided you are in agreement.

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